



**Testimony
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Before the Public Health Committee
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RE: HB-5514 - AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.

The Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA) opposes Section 12 of HB-5514, as currently drafted.

This section imposes a \$10,000 fine for any violation of the Public Health Code. While certain violations may warrant a \$10,000 fine, other violations may involve relatively minor issues.

We believe this section should be revised to authorize excessive fines only if the violations is egregious, willful and has the potential to result in harm to public health.

The Connecticut Water Works Association, Inc. (CWWA) is an association of private, municipal and regional public water supply utilities serving more than 500,000 customers, or population of about 2½ million people, located throughout Connecticut.